

Subject: 024 (Other Standard Identifier) data in NACO records: Temporary moratorium

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NACO members,

The following contains important information for NACO contributors about an immediate change in practice for use of the 024 field.

The MARC Authority Format 024 field (Other Standard Identifier) is used in NACO records to record identifiers from sources outside of the LC/NACO Authority File. For example, you may see ISNI (International Standard Name Identifier) numbers, or VIAF (Virtual International Authority File) numbers, recorded in the 024 field of NACO records. You may see identifiers from other sources recorded in the 024 field, too. There is an instruction sheet in DCM Z1 on the use of the 024 field in NACO records. Generally, an identifier is recorded in subfield \$a of the 024 field, and the source of the identifier is recorded in subfield \$2.

A URI may also be recorded in the 024 field of NACO records. A URI will appear in subfield \$a, with subfield \$2 uri indicating that the "source" is a Uniform Resource Identifier.

Please refrain from adding new 024 fields, or editing existing 024 fields, in NACO records, for the time being. There is a temporary moratorium on adding or editing 024 fields in NACO records. The PCC Policy Committee has approved the implementation of this moratorium, for the reasons outlined below.

As the 024 field is defined in the MARC Authority Format, and as it is being used in NACO records, both identifiers and URIs are recorded in subfield \$a. MARC Discussion Paper No. 2018-DP08, Use of Field 024 to Capture URIs in the MARC 21 Authority Format, outlined several options that would define the use of subfield \$0 (Authority record control number or standard identifier) and subfield \$1 (Real World Object URI) for the 024 field. The discussion paper will be resubmitted as a MARC proposal, and should be discussed at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in January 2019. If the proposal is approved, and if NACO adopts the recommendations in the proposal, NACO policies on the 024 field will change. In anticipation that the proposal will be approved, and that NACO will implement a policy for the 024 field based on the proposal's newly defined subfield \$0 and subfield \$1, the 024 field will be used in a much different way. DCM Z1 will be updated to reflect the new NACO policy on the 024 field, and there will be training materials available to assist in the implementation of the new policy.

However, legacy data in 024 subfield \$a of NACO records may not be easily converted in an automated way to the newly-defined subfields, and manual conversion may be equally difficult. So, data currently recorded in 024 subfield \$a may be lost and become "inactionable" for linked data use.

The current moratorium on adding or editing 024 field information in NACO records should last until there is a decision on the MARC Proposal at ALA Midwinter 2019 to define the use of subfield \$0 and subfield \$1 in the MARC Authority Format 024 field, NACO implements the use of the newly-defined subfields in coordination with all the NACO nodes, and training is available on the new policy.

As progress is made, look for updates sent to the PCC list.

Please send any questions to naco@loc.gov.

Thanks,

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